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DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY AND PETITION

I, the undersigned inventor, hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are given next to my name;

I believe that I am the first, original and sole inventor of the subject matter claimed in the application for patent entitled "**RAID VOLUME FOR SEQUENTIAL USE THAT NEEDS NO REDUNDANCY PRE-INITIALIZATION**", which:

X is submitted herewith;

_____ was filed on _____ as Application Serial No. _____ and amended on _____;

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application for patent (hereinafter, "this application"), including the claims;

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Serial No.

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I hereby appoint as my attorneys with full power of substitution to prosecute this application and conduct all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office associated with this application:

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